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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: S. MIKAMI  
Serial No.: 10/743,727  
Filed: December 24, 2003  
For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND COMPUTER READABLE  
MEDIUM FOR MANAGING REPLICATION OF BACK-UP  
OBJECT  
Group: 2167  
Examiner: K. Lu

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 27, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 27, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.